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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2007. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendments and remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 14 of this paper

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected on page 18 of this paper and the appended replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

A request for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee are being submitted herewith to extend the response date to October 23, 2007.

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